GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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NAVAL EXERCISE ALONG WESTERN COAST
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Navy has started naval exercise along the Western Coast of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to host an international Naval Fleet review;

(d) if so, the time by which such a review is likely to be hosted; and

(e) the names of countries willing to participate in the said naval exercise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The Naval exercises called `SPRINGEX` are being conducted along the Western Coast. Around 40 Ships and Submarines alongwith Aircraft from the Navy and Air Force are taking part in these exercises.

(c) to (e): An International Fleet Review is scheduled to be held off Mumbai on 17th February 2001.So far, Bangladesh, France, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, United Kingdom, Iraq & Sri Lanka have confirmed their participation in the event.